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SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN HIJACK ATTEMPTS

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1. REFTEL REQUESTED INFO RE HOST GOVERNMENT'S PROCEDURES TO TEST OPERATING EFFICIENCY OF EQUIPMENT USED IN CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY PROGRAMS.

2. KUWAIT AIRPORT EQUIPMENT IS OF BRITISH ORIGIN. IT WAS INSTALLED UNDER SUPERVISION OF A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH KUWAIT (MILITARY) LIAISON TEAM (WHO IS ALSO GOK'S BOMB DISPOSAL EXPERT). HE OCCASIONALLY REVIEWS MAINTENANCE OF THE AIRPORT EQUIPMENT, AND HAS RECENTLY BEEN QUOTED TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GEAR IS BEING PROPERLY USED. HE AND OTHERS HAVE NOTED THAT A REMAINING PROBLEM IS THE EASE WITH WHICH THE EQUIPMENT IS CIRCUMVENTED IN THE UNDISCIPLINED CONFUSION THAT OFTEN ATTENDS AIRCRAFT DEPARTURES. EMBASSY INTENDS TO PASS INFORMATION PARA. 2, REFTEL, TO THE BRITISH OFFICER CONCERNED.

3. GOK CONCERN ABOUT HIJACKING HAS RECENTLY BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY THE ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A NEW ANTI-TERRORIST POLICE UNIT AT THE AIRPORT. REPORTEDLY CONSISTING NOW ONLY OF A COMMANDING OFFICER AND HIS DEPUTY, UNCLASSIFIED

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FORMATION OF THIS UNIT MAY AFFORD EMBASSY AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE GOK TO SEEK AIRPORT SECURITY TRAINING AT FAA'S OKLAHOMA CITY FACILITY, IF DEPT, AND FAA WISH US TO DO SO. PLEASE ADVISE. BEFORE APPROACHING KUWAITI OFFICIALS CONCERNED WE WOULD WANT TO KNOW TYPE AND LEVEL OF TRAINING OFFERED AND NUMBER OF SLOTS AVAILABLE TO GOK, WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD PAY ALL COSTS INVOLVED.

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